

STATEMENT OF WORK
Prescribed Grazing (528)
TENNESSEE

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN**Deliverables**

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of facilitating practices (fence, watering facility, forage harvest management, etc.).
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop grazing management plans including, but not limited to:
 - i. Resource and forage inventories: Location map, plan view, permanent fence and water placement;
Plant: Forage species, acres, approximate production, grazing efficiency;
Animals: Class, weight, number, time present (tool - Graze.xls).
 - ii. Estimate paddock size needed for desired rotation (see cowboy math table or .xls).
 - iii. Forage-animal balance (tool - Graze.xls).
 - iv. Grazing Plans (Conservation plan narrative and Graze.xls).
 - v. Drought Plan (Conservation plan narrative and Graze.xls).
 - d. Evaluation and completion of TN-CPA-25, Environmental Effects for Conservation and Areawide Plans.
2. Written plans and specifications, including sketches and drawings, shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice.
3. Identify fields where practice is to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
4. Specification sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice.
5. Documentation and discussion of Operation and Maintenance plan in Assistance Notes.
6. Certification that the Grazing Management Plan meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.

INSTALLATION**Deliverables**

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Application assistance.
3. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
4. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and NRCS policies during implementation.
5. Certification that the application process and materials meet grazing management plan requirements.

CHECK OUT**Deliverables**

1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied (field number and acres).
 - b. Utilization check (grazing efficiency).
 - c. Grazing height 80 percent or more of the forage in a management unit is maintained at or above the ending height listed in Table 1 of the Prescribed Grazing Standard. No more than 20 percent of the total grazing acreage at any one time will be grazed lower than the heights listed to terminate grazing in Table 1 (i.e., five-paddock rotation; one paddock may be grazed closer than heights listed in Table 1).
 - d. The body condition of livestock is adequate to meet the producer's desired production and the animals are healthy and 90 percent of the livestock have a body condition score of 5 or better (see Table 2 of the Prescribed Grazing Standard, 528).
 - e. Pasture Condition Score will be 35 or higher. (Tool: SE Pasture Condition Scoring Sheet).
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications.
3. Exit conference with client and planner.
4. Progress reporting by field office.
5. Photo documentation recommended.

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REFERENCES

- NRCS Tennessee Field Office Technical Guide (e-FOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Prescribed Grazing (528)
- NRCS National Range and Pasture Handbook
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook